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1. AT LUNCH SEPT 9 WITH THE CHARGE, FONMIN OREJA'S CHIEF OF CABINET AND A KEY MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON CSCE (JAVIER RUPEREZ) SAID THE IDEA OF SPAIN'S HOSTING THE NEXT CSCE MEETING HAD OBTAINED A FAVORABLE REACTION FROM THE EASTERN COUNTRIES, BUT THEY HAD NEVERTHELESS SOUGHT TO CONDITION THEIR SUPPORT ON SPAIN'S BEING A NEUTRAL COUNTRY. RUPEREZ STATED FLATLY THAT THERE COULD BE NO SUCH CONDITION, SINCE THERE WAS NO COMPARABILITY IN IMPORTANCE BETWEEN SPAIN'S FUTURE DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS AND THE HOSTING OF THE CONFERENCE. IF AT THE TIME THE DECISION ON THE NEXT SITE WERE TO BE MADE SPAIN HAD NOT YET JOINED NATO AND THE EAST SOUGHT A SPANISH COMMITMENT NOT TO JOIN NATO IN THE INTERIM, IT WOULD BE REJECTED OUT OF HAND, RUPEREZ SAID; THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. EASTERN "PRESSURE" WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, BECAUSE THERE WAS SIMPLY NO LEVERAGE POINT, AND SPAIN WOULD MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR.

2. RUPEREZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SPANISH SIDE HAD RAISED
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THE POSSIBILITY OF SPAIN HOSTING THE NEXT CSCE MEETING DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ TO DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, AND ITALY. HE CHARACTERIZED THE GENERAL WESTERN RESPONSE AS POSITIVE BUT NON-COMMITTAL, WITH REFERENCES TO THE NEED TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION WHEN THE TIME CAME. EATON

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